

AMENDED CLAIM SET

The claims have been amended as set forth in the following listing of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A camera, comprising:

a camera housing;

a communication device, accommodated inside the camera housing, which allows radio communication with another unit; and

a non-communicating purpose component attached to the camera housing, said non-communicating purpose component being a conductive component insulated from the camera housing but not shielded electromagnetically, the non-communicating purpose component also serving as a radio antenna, operatively connected with said communication device and outputting and/or receiving radio waves to/from said another unit, and the non-communicating purpose component being disposed where the non-communication purpose component is not unconsciously touched by a user during a picture taking operation.

2. (Currently Amended) The camera according to claim 1, wherein the non-communicating purpose component includes a hot shoe to which an accessory is set, the hot shoe being attached to the camera housing through an insulating spacer and an insulating washer by a hot-shoe fixing screw.

3. (Currently Amended) The camera according to claim 1, wherein the non-communicating purpose component includes a reflector of a flash, the reflector being provided inside an opening formed in the camera housing.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The camera according to claim 1, wherein the non-communicating purpose component includes a ring member provided inside a lens tube and surrounding a lens.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The camera according to claim 1, wherein the non-communicating purpose component includes a lens tube for supporting a lens therein.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The camera according to claim 1, wherein said communication device includes a high frequency module connected to said non-communicating purpose component by a high frequency cable.

14. (Currently Amended) A camera, comprising:

at least one member selected from a group consisting of a hot shoe to which an accessory is set, a reflector of a flash, ~~a strap holding member to which a strap is attached~~, a lens tube for supporting the lens therein, a ring member that supports the lens with respect to the lens tube, and a cover for a battery compartment provided at a bottom of the camera, ~~and a cover for a memory compartment~~;

a communication device which allows radio communication with another unit, wherein

one of said at least one member is connected to said communication device as a radio antenna for outputting and/or receiving radio waves to/from said another unit, said at least one member is formed by a conductive component insulated from a camera housing, but not electromagnetically shielded,

wherein, each member of the group being disposed where said each member is not unconsciously touched by a user during a picture taking operation.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The camera according to claim 14~~claim 15~~, wherein said at least one member is the hot shoe.

17. (Currently Amended) The camera according to claim 14~~claim 15~~, wherein said at least one member is the reflector.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The camera according to claim 14~~claim 15~~, wherein said at least one member is the lens tube.

20. (Currently Amended) The camera according to claim 14~~claim 15~~, wherein said at least one member is the ring member.